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SUBJ: IVP NOMINATIONS PROCEDURE

- 1. MISSION OFFICERS HAVE BEEN HOLDING SERIES OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA OFFICERS RELATIVE IMPLEMENTATION IVP GRANTS WITH SOME FAVORABLE INDICATIONS. MARCH SEVEN MFA SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE REPLYING TO EMBASSY LETTER OF DECEMBER 16, 1970, SENT BY GILBERT AUSTIN COUNSELOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO BASHIR KHAN BABER, DIRECTOR (AMERICAS) MFA. NOTE INFORMS EMBASSY THAT GOP HAS QUOTE DECIDED THAT A COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SET UP TO SELECT CANDIDATES FOR THE AFORE-SAID PROGRAM: 1) CABINET SECRETARY, GOP, CHAIRMAN; 2) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN PAKISTAN, MEMBER; AND 3) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ISLAMABAD, MEMBER. UNQUOTE.
- 2. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO WORK WITHIN THIS STRUCTURE WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT FINAL APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES SELECTED BY COMMITTEE WILL BE MADE BY USG. SELECTIONS WILL AS USUAL BE SUBMITTED FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT. ALSO, EMBASSY WILL INSIST BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE RIGHT OF VETO IN COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS HERE, ASSURING THAT NO CANDIDATES REPUGNANT TO US ARE SELECTED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE ANTICIPATE PRIOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PAK COUNTERPARTS HERE WILL IN FACT EXPEDITE PROCESSING PROCEDURE ONCE CANDIDATES ARE SUBMITTED FOR FORMAL "SELECTION" BY COMMITTEE.

- 3. GIVEN THE PRESENT FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE UNDER THESE PROCEDURES TO ACHIEVE OUR AIMES AND SECURE ACCEPTABLE PARTICIPANTS IVP PROGRAM. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EVERY CANDIDATE PROPOSED BY US WILL RECEIVE FAVORABLE ACTION BUT ON BALANCE WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO GET APPROVAL FOR A MAJORITY OF OUR HIGH PRIORITY CANDIDATES.
- 4. PLAN TO PROCEED ACCORDING ABOVE, UNLESS THIS PROCEDURE NOT ACCPETABLE TO DEPARTMENT. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. SOBER

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